

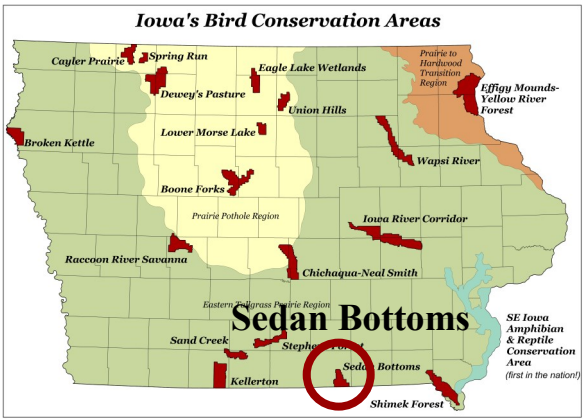
Field Checklist for Sedan Bottoms BCA	
* = confirmed or likely area breeder	
Iowa Wildlife Action Plan <u>Migratory</u> Species of Greatest Conservation Need	
Iowa Wildlife Action Plan <u>Nesting</u> Species of Greatest Conservation Need	
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	__ Turkey Vulture*
__ Snow Goose	__ Osprey
__ Ross’s Goose	__ <b>Bald Eagle*</b>
__ Cackling Goose	__ <b>Nothern Harrier*</b>
__ Canada Goose*	__ Sharp-shinned Hawk
__ <b>Trumpeter Swan*</b>	__ Cooper’s Hawk*
__ Wood Duck*	__ Northern Goshawk
__ Gadwall*	__ <b>Red-shouldered Hawk*</b>
__ American Wigeon	__ <b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>
__ Mallard*	__ <b>Swainson’s Hawk</b>
__ Blue-winged Teal*	__ Red-tailed Hawk*
__ Cinnamon Teal	__ Rough-legged Hawk
__ Northern Shoveler	__ Golden Eagle
__ <b>Northern Pintail</b>	
__ Green-winged Teal	__ <b>Yellow Rail</b>
__ <b>Canvasback</b>	__ <b>King Rail</b>
__ <b>Redhead</b>	__ Virginia Rail
__ Ring-necked Duck*	__ Sora
__ Lesser Scaup	__ American Coot*
__ Greater Scaup	__ <b>Sandhill Crane</b>
__ Bufflehead	
__ Common Goldeneye	__ Black-bellied Plover
__ Hooded Merganser*	__ <b>American Golden-Plover</b>
__ Common Merganser	__ Semipalmated Plover
__ Ruddy Duck	__ Killdeer*
	__ Black-necked Stilt
__ Northern Bobwhite*	__ <b>American Avocet</b>
__ Ring-necked Pheasant*	__ Spotted Sandpiper*
__ Wild Turkey*	__ <b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>
	__ <b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>
	__ <b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>
__ Pied-billed Grebe*	__ <b>Upland Sandpiper*</b>
__ Horned Grebe	__ <b>Hudsonian Godwit</b>
	__ <b>Marbled Godwit</b>
__ Double-crested Cormorant	__ Semipalmated Sandpiper
__ <b>American White Pelican</b>	__ Least Sandpiper
	__ White-rumped Sandpiper
__ <b>American Bittern</b>	__ Baird’s Sandpiper
__ <b>Least Bittern</b>	__ Pectoral Sandpiper
__ Great Blue Heron*	__ <b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b>
__ Great Egret	__ <b>Short-billed Dowitcher</b>
__ Little Blue Heron	__ Long-billed Dowitcher
__ Cattle Egret	__ Wilson’s Snipe
__ Green Heron*	__ <b>American Woodcock*</b>
__ <b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>	__ <b>Wilson’s Phalarope</b>
__ <b>Yellow-crowned Night-Heron</b>	__ Red-necked Phalarope
__ White-faced Ibis	__ Bonaparte’s Gull

__ Franklin’s Gull	__ <b>White-eyed Vireo*</b>
__ Ring-billed Gull	__ <b>Bell’s Vireo*</b>
__ Herring Gull	__ Yellow-throated Vireo*
	__ Blue-headed Vireo
__ Caspian Tern	__ Warbling Vireo*
__ <b>Black Tern</b>	__ Philadelphia Vireo
__ <b>Forster’s Tern</b>	__ Red-eyed Vireo*
__ Rock Pigeon*	__ Blue Jay*
__ Eurasian Collared Dove*	__ American Crow*
__ Mourning Dove*	
__ <b>Yellow-billed Cuckoo*</b>	__ Horned Lark*
__ <b>Black-billed Cuckoo*</b>	__ Purple Martin*
	__ Tree Swallow*
__ <b>Barn Owl</b>	__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow*
__ Eastern Screech-Owl*	__ Bank Swallow*
__ Great Horned Owl*	__ Cliff Swallow*
__ Barred Owl*	__ Barn Swallow*
__ <b>Long-eared Owl</b>	
__ <b>Short-eared Owl</b>	__ Black-capped Chickadee*
__ Northern Saw-Whet Owl	__ Tufted Titmouse*
	__ Red-breasted Nuthatch
__ <b>Common Nighthawk</b>	__ White-breasted Nuthatch*
__ Chick-will’s Widow	__ <b>Brown Creeper</b>
	__ Carolina Wren*
__ <b>Eastern Whip-poor-will*</b>	__ House Wren*
__ <b>Chimney Swift*</b>	__ Winter Wren
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	__ <b>Sedge Wren*</b>
__ Belted Kingfisher*	__ Marsh Wren
	__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*
__ <b>Red-headed Woodpecker*</b>	__ Golden-crowned Kinglet
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
__ Downy Woodpecker*	__ Eastern Bluebird*
__ Hairy Woodpecker*	__ <b>Veery</b>
__ Northern Flicker*	__ Gray-cheeked Thrush
__ Pileated Woodpecker*	__ Swainson’s Thrush
	__ Hermit Thrush
__ American Kestrel*	__ <b>Wood Thrush*</b>
__ Merlin	__ American Robin*
__ <b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	__ Gray Catbird*
	__ <b>Northern Mockingbird*</b>
__ <b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	__ Brown Thrasher*
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	__ European Starling*
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	__ American Pipit
__ <b>Acadian Flycatcher*</b>	__ Cedar Waxwing*
__ Alder Flycatcher	__ Lapland Longspur
__ <b>Willow Flycatcher*</b>	__ Smith’s Longspur
__ <b>Least Flycatcher</b>	
__ Eastern Phoebe*	__ Ovenbird*
__ Great Crested Flycatcher*	__ <b>Worm-eating Warbler</b>
__ Eastern Kingbird*	__ <b>Louisiana Waterthrush*</b>
	__ Northern Waterthrush
__ <b>Loggerhead Shrike*</b>	__ <b>Golden-winged Warbler</b>
__ Northern Shrike	

__ <b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>	__ <b>Le Conte’s Sparrow</b>
__ <b>Black-and-white Warbler</b>	__ <b>Nelson’s Sparrow</b>
__ <b>Prothonotary Warbler*</b>	__ Fox Sparrow
__ Tennessee Warbler	__ Song Sparrow*
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	__ Lincoln’s Sparrow
__ Nashville Warbler	__ Swamp Sparrow*
__ Mourning Warbler	__ White-throated Sparrow
__ <b>Kentucky Warbler*</b>	__ Harris’s Sparrow
__ Common Yellowthroat*	__ White-crowned Sparrow
__ <b>Hooded Warbler</b>	__ Dark-eyed Junco
__ American Redstart*	
__ Cape May Warbler	__ Summer Tanager*
__ <b>Cerulean Warbler*</b>	__ Scarlet Tanager*
__ Northern Parula*	__ Northern Cardinal*
__ Magnolia Warbler	__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*
__ Blackburnian Warbler	__ Blue Grosbeak*
__ Yellow Warbler*	__ Indigo Bunting*
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	__ <b>Dickcissel*</b>
__ Blackpoll Warbler	
__ Palm Warbler	__ <b>Bobolink*</b>
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	__ Red-winged Blackbird*
__ Yellow-throated Warbler	__ <b>Eastern Meadowlark*</b>
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	__ Western Meadowlark*
__ <b>Canada Warbler</b>	__ Yellow-headed Blackbird
__ Wilson’s Warbler	__ <b>Rusty Blackbird</b>
__ <b>Yellow-breasted Chat*</b>	__ Brewer’s Blackbird
	__ Common Grackle*
__ Spotted Towhee	__ Great-tailed Grackle
__ Eastern Towhee*	__ Brown-headed Cowbird*
__ American Tree Sparrow	__ Orchard Oriole*
__ Chipping Sparrow*	__ Baltimore Oriole*
__ Clay Colored Sparrow	
__ <b>Field Sparrow*</b>	__ Purple Finch
__ Vesper Sparrow*	__ House Finch*
__ Lark Sparrow*	__ Pine Siskin
__ Savannah Sparrow*	__ American Goldfinch*
__ <b>Grasshopper Sparrow*</b>	
__ <b>Henslow’s Sparrow*</b>	__ House Sparrow*
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Dedicated in 2013, the Sedan Bottoms Bird Conservation Area (BCA) spreads across a large and varied portion of southern Appanoose County. With an array of prairies, savannas, forests, and floodplains, this 37,070 acre region, of which over 20% is permanently protected, offers important habitat to many birds. In fact, of the 253 bird species documented in this BCA thus far, 73 are currently classified as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN). The grasslands in the BCA support declining nesters like Northern Harrier, Henslow’s Sparrow, and Bobolink. Lowlands entice migrant marsh species, such as Northern Pintail, Black-crowned Night-Heron, and Nelson’s Sparrow. Woodlands echo with the calls of the Red-shouldered Hawk, along with Neotropical

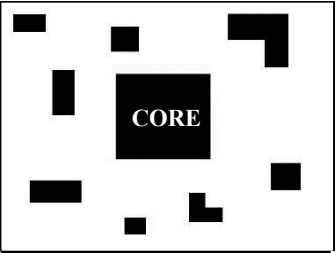


songbirds like Acadian Flycatcher, Kentucky Warbler, and Scarlet Tanager. The Sedan Bottoms BCA also serves as an important stopover for shorebirds, including American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, and Short-billed Dowitcher.

### BIRD CONSERVATION AREAS

Within the last two decades, alarming declines in a large number of species of North American birds have led to the emergence of national and international programs dedicated to the conservation of game and non-game birds. Since 1999, bird conservation organizations and enthusiasts have worked together under an umbrella called the North American Bird Conservation Initiative to “conserve all birds in all habitats.” As part of this initiative and in an effort to protect dwindling populations of many Iowa birds, the **Bird Conservation Area** (BCA) program was established by the Iowa DNR Wildlife Bureau in 2001.

The present model BCA encompasses at least 10,000 acres of public and/or private lands with approximately 25 percent of the area established as key bird habitat. This concept is backed by research that suggests viable bird populations require conservation efforts at a landscape-oriented level. Each BCA should also include a large “core” area of protected high-quality habitat. Surrounding this core are private lands, plus additional public tracts, managed for good bird habitat or at least maintained to be neutral in how they affect bird life.



A BCA Model: Shaded areas depict public habitat protected for birds; white is private land.

### IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

Audubon’s Important Bird Areas (IBA) Program is a global effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity. Designated IBAs include sites for breeding, wintering, and/or migrating birds. All Iowa Bird Conservation Areas are also Important Bird Areas.

### SEDAN BOTTOMS DIVERSITY

#### PLANTS



Nestled within the Southern Iowa Drift Plain, the rolling hills of the Sedan Bottoms BCA are juxtaposed with the Chariton River, setting the stage for a wide range of plant communities. Cattails and many species of rushes, sedges, and colorful smartweeds characterize the wetlands, while familiar grasses like Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Side-oats Grama, and Indiangrass blanket the prairies. Oak-hickory woodlands come alive each spring with profusions of ephemeral wildflowers, and savannas brighten the late-summer landscape with diverse blooms of forbs.

#### ANIMALS

Sedan Bottoms has an impressive, growing list of insects. In sunny spots, sought-after butterflies are attracted to nectar sources of Prairie Blazing Star, Wild Bergamot, and various milkweed species in summer. Careful inspection of native meadows,



savannas, and restored prairies could reveal the bright yellow-orange Byssus Skipper perching alertly amongst grasses. Around ponds, marshes, and sloughs, look for another suite of butterflies, typified

from spring to fall by the richly colored Bronze Copper. Sedan's wetlands also teem with Odonates, encompassing everything from bold, conspicuous dragonflies like the Slaty Skimmer to slender, unobtrusive damselflies, such as the Fragile Forktail.



Alongside the myriads of invertebrates, many reptiles, amphibians, and mammals make Sedan Bottoms their home.



Western Ribbon Snake and Prairie Ringneck Snake can each be observed hunting small prey in their respective habitats. In addition to the ubiquitous Northern Water Snake, the Diamondback Water Snake (a state-threatened species recently noted here), might allow for a very rare glimpse. And with a bit of luck, a watchful eye could also spot an elusive Badger prowling low in the meadows or a furtive Meadow Jumping Mouse bounding through tall, dense grasses.

A list of Iowa’s Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) is found at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov) by entering “Wildlife Action Plan” in the search. If you encounter any uncommon or rare species in this BCA, please contact the Wildlife Diversity Program to report your sightings.

### PARTNERSHIPS

